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Pinay's Task

THE political opponents of M. Mendes-France may feel they have done the French nation a good turn by bringing about the fall of the government, but to the Western world—and West Europe in particular—the event is dismaying, even embarrassing.

Prime need at the moment is for France to ratify the Paris treaties, but it is difficult to avoid the belief that this legislative action could be jeopardised by the emergence at this time of a new government.

M. Pinay has agreed to try to form a new cabinet and there is no special reason for believing he will fail. But Cabinet-making is one thing; offering a policy acceptable to the majority of the National Assembly is another. The problems which confront M. Pinay are no less than those which beset M. Mendes-France and finally brought about his downfall.

The new Premier-elect has to win the confidence of the Assembly on his proposals for dealing with the French North Africa problem, and because of his preoccupation with this subject it is conceivable that further consideration of the Paris treaties ratification will have to be postponed. And this would give the opponents of the treaties, especially the Communists, new opportunities for a high pressure publicity campaign to have the pacts repudiated.

French political stability at the moment is essential for guaranteeing the future security of West Europe. M. Pinay, therefore, is assuming heavy responsibilities. A dangerous vacuum could be created if a new French government, with a well-defined mandate, fails to come into being. M. Pinay has to win support for policies covering a wide field of national and international interests. There will be no shortage of friendly sympathy for him in his task, and he will win the admiration of the Western world if he can devise a formula which will enable him successfully to complete the undertakings which his predecessor so skilfully initiated.

Tachen Evacuation

EVACUATION of the Tachen islands is in hand and the predominant question in the minds of everybody is whether the Chinese Communists are going to allow it to proceed without challenging the guardianship of the American Seventh Fleet.

The possibility of Communist action which could precipitate a general war cannot be ruled out. Nevertheless, the realities of the situation should be sufficient to persuade the Peking government to hold its hand. The two all-important points are these: the Nationalist evacuation gives the Tachens to the Communists on a silver platter, wherefore they gain nothing by interfering with the operation. And, any serious challenging of the Seventh Fleet, resulting in a shooting match, would almost inevitably lead to a wider conflagration.

If the Peking government allows itself to be ruled by sanity, it will not only avoid any attempt to prevent the evacuation of the Tachens, but will accept it with satisfaction.

FORMOSA TRUCE: SWEDISH ACTION

Princess Starts Tour



Princess Margaret stands smiling in the doorway of the plane which carried her to Port of Spain on the first part of her Caribbean islands tour, as she bade farewell to the Queen and other members of the Royal Family at London Airport.—Reuterphoto.

Treaty With Chiang Dulles To Explain

Washington, Feb. 6. The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, is scheduled to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee tomorrow to answer questions on the implications of the new Mutual Security Treaty with the Chinese Nationalist Government on Formosa.

A father and the son he was charged with kidnapping in a seaplane flight from Canada to the United States turned up here today and agreed everything was all right—as far as they were concerned.

Everything was not all right, however, as far as the boy's mother was concerned. She filed an abduction charge against the father and it appeared that an international legal squabble was brewing.

Gordon Byrne said that, under the terms of a Washington State Court ruling made in 1947, he had custody of Kenneth, 13, and Eileen, 15. His former wife, now Mrs Winifred Clark, said a Canadian Court had given her custody of the children.

"Now that the boy's here, he's mine," declared the father today.

SEARCH FOR COUPLE

An international search was launched yesterday for the son and Byrne, who has been divorced from Mrs Clark for 11 years. Byrne went to his children's school near Lillooet, British Columbia, on Wednesday and took Kenneth away with him. He said his daughter might come here too.

Byrne went to the Canadian city on a float-equipped chartered aeroplane and landed on Sedon Lake. He said he talked to the children and let them make up their own minds whether they wanted to live with him and his present wife in Tacoma.

Eileen first said she would leave him with him on Wednesday, he said, and then said she wanted to think it over longer. "I'll meet her at the border if she wants to come," said her father.

Kenneth verified his father's story that he had left Lillooet voluntarily to be with his father, whom he had not seen in nine years.—United Press.

Proposal To Peking Reported INTERNATIONAL PARLEY

Western diplomatic circles indicated tonight that the Swedish Embassy here has transmitted to Premier Chou En-lai a proposal for an international conference to solve the grave Formosa crisis.

These indications came as Foreign Ministry officials conferred on the Formosa issue under a complete news blackout. Official spokesmen refused to make any comment on the Foreign Ministry's deliberations.

Since the Chinese refusal last week to send a representative to the United Nations Security Council to discuss the Formosa question the Peking Government has affirmed repeatedly that its attitude remains unchanged.

This attitude can be summed up as follows: Communist China will refuse to take part in any conference to obtain a ceasefire unless such a conference is prepared to condemn the "aggressive" attitude of the United States in supporting the Chinese Nationalists.

The official Chinese Communist Party newspaper, the People's Daily, confirmed anew today that Peking would not participate in any conference in which the Chiang Kai-shek government is represented and would reject any solution which

obliged Communist China to abandon its plan to "liberate" Formosa.

Official Chinese quarters declare repeatedly that a final attack on Formosa is perhaps not imminent, but that it is inevitable.—France-Press.

Private Diplomacy Favoured

Washington, Feb. 6. Washington is now looking to private diplomacy rather than to public debate in the United Nations or elsewhere for the next step in efforts to end the present hostilities in the area of Formosa.

Despite the intensified diplomatic activity between both Communist and non-Communist diplomats in Moscow, London and Washington observers said that there might now be a substantial pause before any new proposal for a ceasefire agreement was publicly put forward from any quarter.

The United Nations Security Council has, however, still formally before it the New Zealand proposal for a ceasefire which Mr. Hammarskjold sent to him when the United Nations extended its original invitation to Peking to send a representative to the Security Council meeting.

Such a reply could conceivably start the ball rolling again, but Washington today did not seem to be hopeful of any substantial change in the Premier's intransigent attitude capable of making an early ceasefire through the United Nations a practical possibility.

Some believe that the best hope is for a de facto ceasefire brought about by the course of events in the area without any formal agreement.

The nature of the Communist Chinese rejection of the United Nations advances has made it very difficult for the Eisenhower

administration to support any second approach to Communist China without being accused in Congress or elsewhere of a servile and appeasing attitude.

But there were reports today that the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjold, was still expecting a personal reply from the Chinese Communist Premier, Mr Chou En-lai, to a personal message which Mr Hammarskjold sent to him when the United Nations extended its original invitation to Peking to send a representative to the Security Council meeting.

The reports disclosed that the dismantling started immediately after the Nationalist Authorities announced on January 28 that the registration of civilians wishing to be evacuated before the Communists took over.

The authorities said the evacuation began on January 29 and would involve the entire Tachen population of 16,504.

Nine elderly people and invalids were the only ones who had stated their intention not to leave their homes, but the authorities said they would be evacuated nevertheless "for humanitarian reasons."

Tachen reports said tonight the timber torn down from buildings was utilized to build four large pontoon bridges to span the shallow beaches to the evacuation ships. House walls were flattened down so as to "leave nothing standing."

The State Department announced also gave as the objective of the evacuation of the Tachen Islands a contribution to "the restoration of peace and security in the West Pacific."

Reuter.

UN Considers Next Step

New York, Feb. 6. Consultations will continue at United Nations headquarters tomorrow on the next step the Security Council may be asked to take in talks in the subject.

Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the United States delegate, who spent the weekend in Washington, is expected to inform other members of the Council what he had on Saturday with President Eisenhower.

The question to be decided is whether the Council should be

asked to go ahead with the New Zealand proposal to call for a ceasefire despite the Chinese Communist rejection of the invitation to take part in talks in the subject.

Washington dispatches have said that the disposition there is to proceed with the ceasefire call.

The alternative is to call a meeting of the Council briefly take note of the Chinese Communist rejection and then adjourn to wait for peace developments.

It would seem that the earliest the Council can meet is next Wednesday.—Reuter.

Eden's Busy Week-End

London, Feb. 6. The British Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, is to report on week-end developments in the Formosa Straits situation at the final meeting of the Commonwealth Premiers here tomorrow evening.

Sir Anthony, who spent the first part of the week-end at a country residence with the Indian Premier, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, rejoined with Mr Nehru—the other Commonwealth statesman at Sir Winston Churchill's official country residence, Chequers, earlier today and was back in London this evening.

Crosby was stricken late Friday night and was rushed to the hospital on Saturday morning with a temperature of 104. His physician reported the band leader was much

improved today although still seriously ill.

Bing Crosby is recovering from a kidney operation. The doctor estimated that Bob would not be able to leave his bed for a week or 10 days.

His daughter, Cathy, 15, postponed a scheduled trip to Lausanne, where she is attending finishing school.—United Press.

Bob Crosby Seriously Ill

Hollywood, Feb. 6. Band leader Bob Crosby, brother of the singer Bing Crosby, was in hospital today with a serious case of lobar pneumonia.

Crosby was stricken late Friday night and was rushed to the hospital on Saturday morning with a temperature of 104. His physician reported the band leader was much



M. PINAY

Pinay To Form New French Govt

Paris, Feb. 6. President of the French Republic, M. René Coty, tonight asked M. Antoine Pinay, the 68-year-old Conservative ex-Premier, to form France's 21st post-war government.

M. Pinay told reporters after his interview with the President that he accepted the invitation to try and form the next government.

Tachen Evacuation

SCORCHED EARTH POLICY

Taipei, Feb. 6.

The civilian population of the Tachen islands were tearing down their houses and stripping every bit of timber in the buildings before leaving their homes for Formosa, reports reaching here to-night said.

The reports disclosed that the dismantling started immediately after the Nationalist Authorities

announced in advance by President Eisenhower, did not give the Nationalist Chinese Government the public commitment which they had been seeking of United States aid in the defense of the Chinese Nationalist off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu under all circumstances.

The announcement repeated only the deliberately vague language of the recent congressional Formosan resolution on this subject and left the United States freedom of both military and diplomatic maneuver according to the needs of the United States twin basic objectives of keeping Formosa and the Pescadores themselves in friendly hands and of seeking peace and security in the Western Pacific.

The State Department also gave as the objective of the evacuation of the Tachen Islands a contribution to "the restoration of peace and security in the West Pacific."

He said that the departure of the Governor-General-designate of Algeria, M. Jacques Soustelle, would be postponed.—France-Press.

Soldiers Killed In Car Crash

Muenster, Feb. 6. Two British soldiers were killed today when the private car they were driving crashed into a tree on the road between Muenster and Nienberge, German police reported.

The police said the car belonged to a German farmer who had reported it missing.—China Mail Special.

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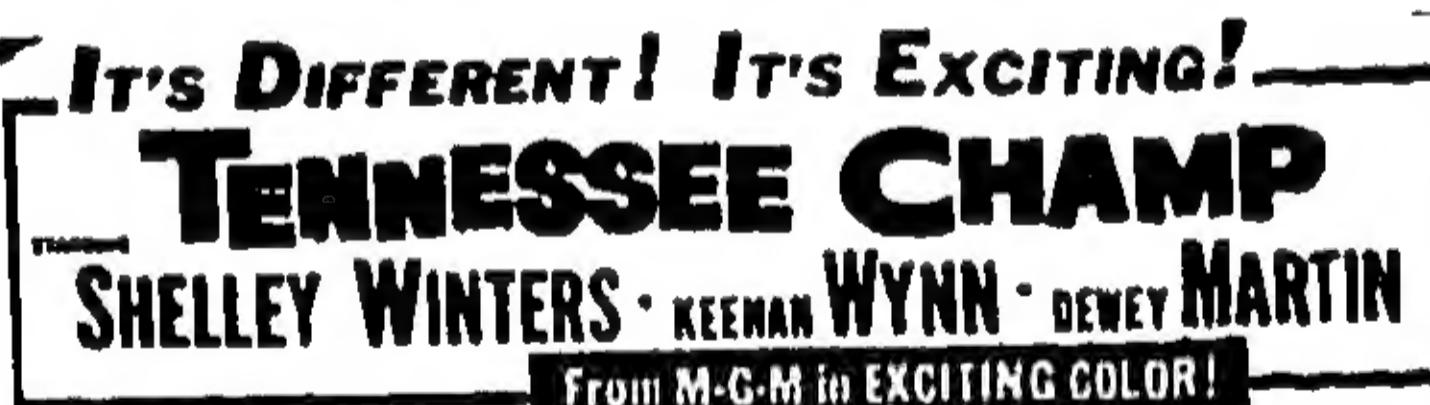
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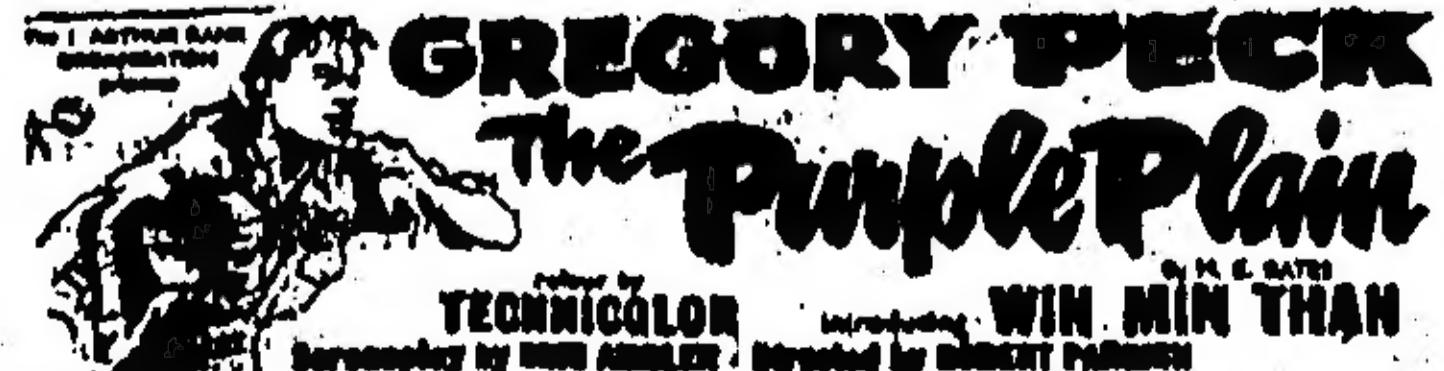
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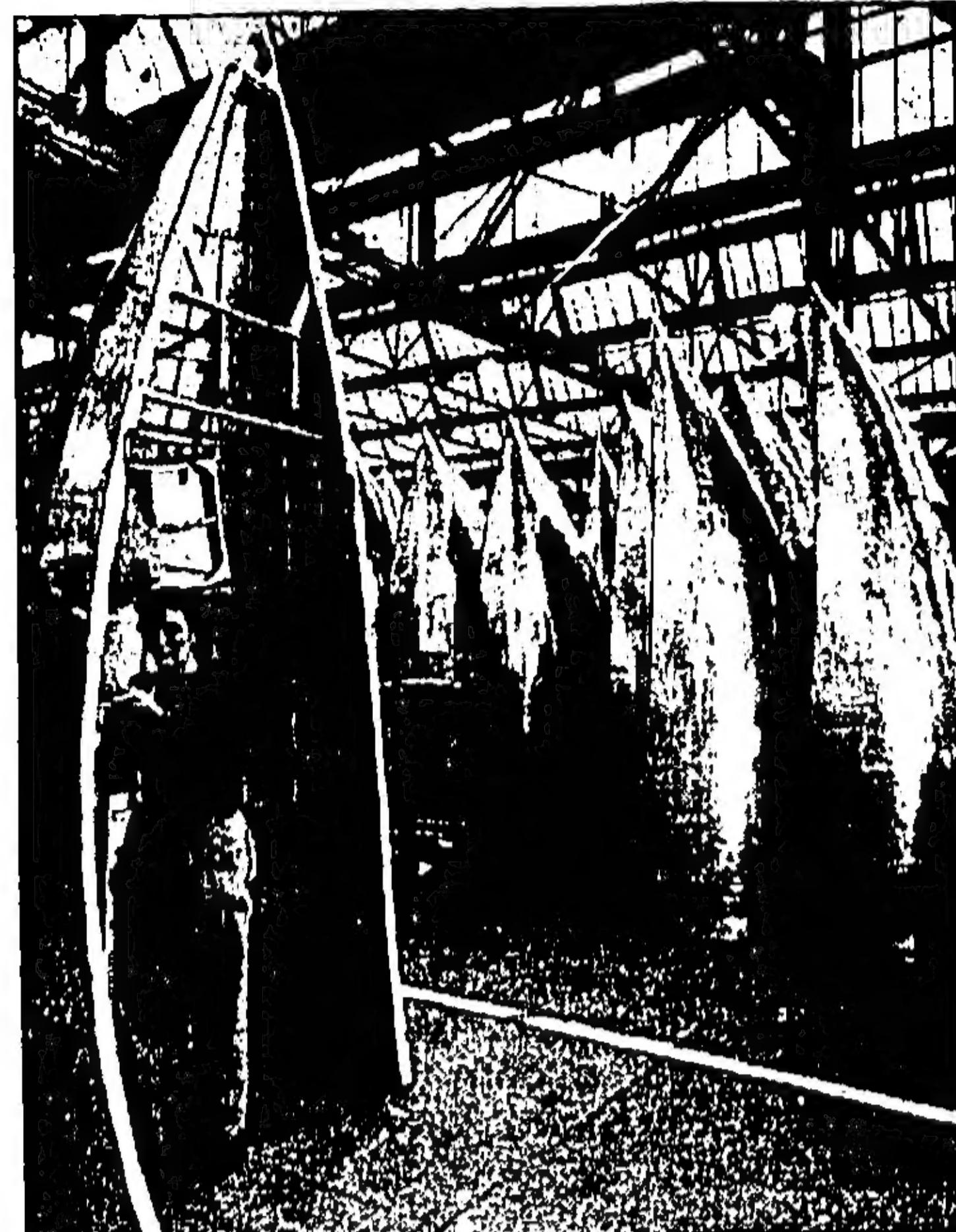
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THESE queer objects may resemble craft seen along the towpath, or sentry boxes, even night-watchman's huts, but they are really none of these. The lady at left, an aircraft fitter's mate, is shown riveting an engine nacelle for the Hercules engines fitted in the Bristol freighters. (Reuters photo).

MORE FLOODS
SWEEPING
THROUGH FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 6.

Driving rain sweeping over Western and Southwestern France lashed rivers of the Atlantic watershed over their banks in flood today.

A torrent of water poured down on Bordeaux from a cloud-mass sky and winds reached the 50-mph mark. The tanker Port Etienne, coming from Le Havre, limped into port with several mechanical breakdowns.

Recruiting Of
Magistrates
For S'pore

PARTY'S WARNING

Singapore, Feb. 6. The Singapore Government was warned today that its policy of recruiting magistrates from overseas while disregarding young local barristers with legal qualifications will create young intellectual Communists.

This warning coincided with a dispatch from Calcutta that 32 Indian lawyers there had charged that the Indian Association of Democratic Lawyers were Communist-controlled. The Progressive Party biggest political party in Singapore in its latest newsletter said "with the increasing number of local men returning from the United Kingdom as qualified barristers the statement by Government that the two posts for magistrates are being advertised overseas is little short of shocking."

The Party warned: "If this policy is persisted in we shall soon have a growing corps of local young barristers watching with frustration the lower bench being filled with overseas recruits and we can think of no more effective method of creating young intellectual Communists." —United Press.

T.S. Eliot Better

London, Feb. 7. Mr T. S. Eliot, the 60-year-old poet and playwright, who entered a London clinic about a fortnight ago for a rest, is going home today, the clinic said last night.

Nine months ago Mr Eliot was in the clinic for a "complete rest" after a visit to South Africa. —China Mail Special.

Munich Honours
Americans

Munich, Feb. 6. Munich streets have been named after the following Americans: John D. Rockefeller, who gave funds to build the psychiatric research centre here, Samuel Finley Morse, the inventor of telegraphy, Ralph Waldo Emerson, a poet who translated Goethe and Keats, William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, and Peter Minuit, first man to buy land from the American Indians. Left Erickson, a Norseman who landed in America 800 years before, is also remembered in this way. —Reuter.

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FRENCH N. AFRICA ALARMED

Outbreaks Of Violence Anticipated Following Mr France's Downfall

No Co-existence In Zoo

Berlin, Feb. 7. "Swampy," an American alligator in the aquarium here, refused to co-exist with two Chinese crocodiles.

He was given to the aquarium by the United States Sixth Infantry when he grew too big to be a mascot. When placed in the crocodile tank he immediately attacked his neighbours.

He was put in solitary confinement, but Berlin children, with whom he is a great favourite, demanded to see him again. So the crocodiles have been evicted and Swampy now has their tank himself.—China Mail Special.

BIG GAME BEING SHOT OUT

Arusha, Tanzania, Feb. 6. Africa's big game—lion, elephant, rhino and giraffe—is in danger of being wiped out by trophy-hungry tourists from Europe and America, according to farmers and hunters here.

"There won't be any game left in Tanganyika unless we stop these trigger-happy tourists from Kenya," one of them said. The trouble is that American tourists are unwilling to hunt in the Mau Mau country of Kenya and are flocking to Tanganyika.

This year the number of hunting parties is expected to double that of last year. Tourism has been bringing an average of about £3,000,000 sterling a year to East Africa, and much of it is from hunters. The sudden trend towards Tanganyika has had a marked effect on territory game.

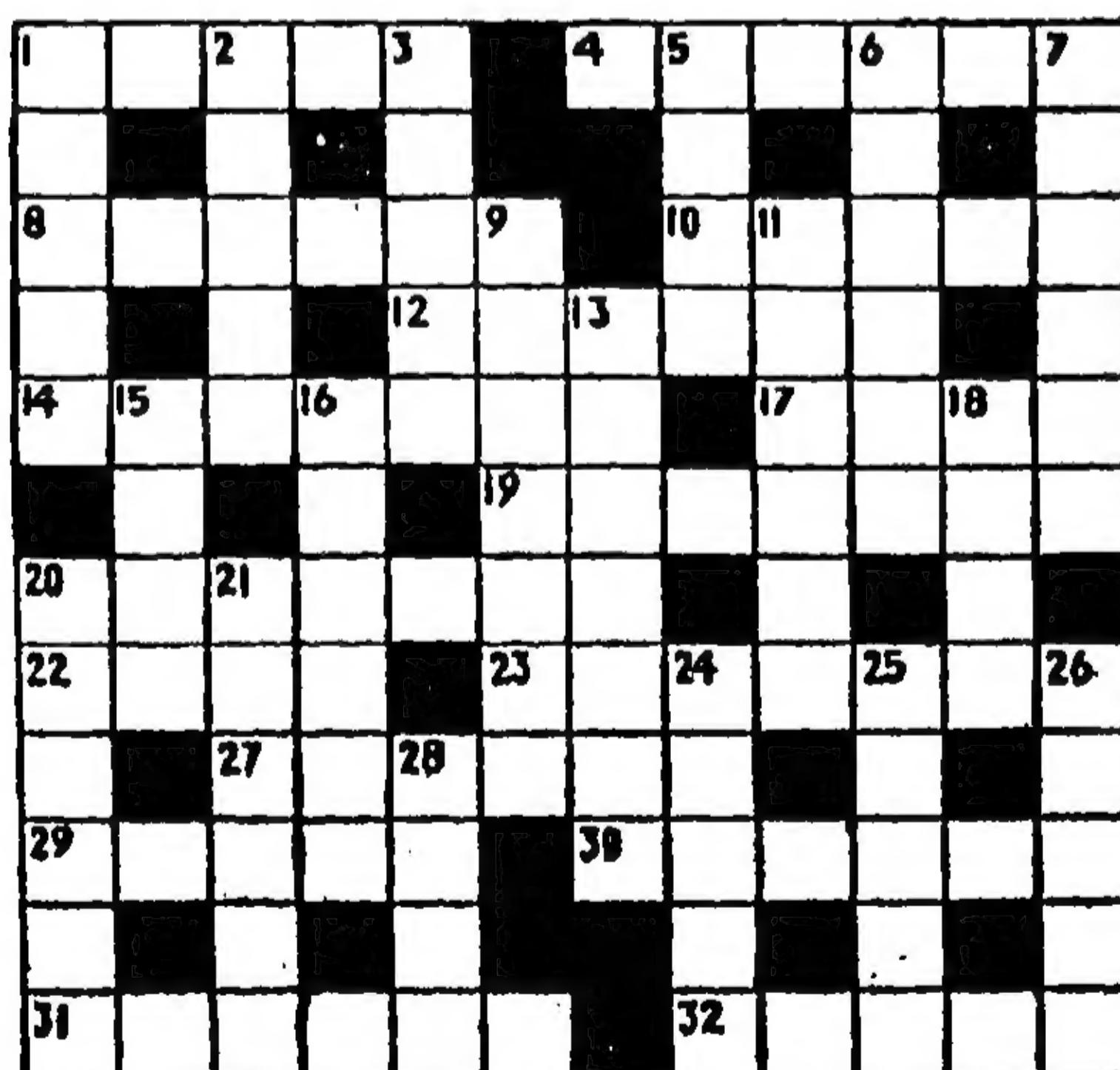
In one Tanganyika district alone this year licences were issued to kill 7,500 head of game. The game department launched drives of African wild life have been forced by the rapidly dwindling number of animals to close certain areas to all shooting. China Mail Special.

FOUR KILLED IN SHIP EXPLOSION

El Ferrol, Spain, Feb. 6. The Costa Rican freighter Darnel arrived today with four crewmen dead from a boiler explosion a few days ago, when she was 300 miles from El Ferrol.

The Darnel had said by radio that five other crewmen were injured. —United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Tree (5).
- 4 Love (6).
- 8 Extend (6).
- 10 Sacred figures (5).
- 12 Rogue (6).
- 14 Fruit course (7).
- 17 Pleasant (4).
- 19 Canine quarters (7).
- 20 Sailor (7).
- 22 Before long (4).
- 23 Mean (7).
- 25 Determined (6).
- 29 Letting contract (6).
- 30 Printing mistakes (6).
- 31 Attempting (6).
- 32 Grim (6).
- 33 Bird (4).
- 34 Treated medicinally (6).
- 35 Noblemen (6).
- 36 Lean (6).
- 37 Tale of heros (4).
- 38 Chinese inbours (6).
- 39 Follows (6).
- 40 Most gloomy (7).
- 41 Gun (6).
- 42 Unfruitful (7).
- 43 Dash (4).
- 44 Glistens (6).
- 45 Musical symbol (4).
- 46 Hammer (6).
- 47 String of prayer beads (6).
- 48 Microbes (6).
- 49 Angry (6).
- 50 Long for (5).
- 51 Bird (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Enophile, 8 Room, 10 Analysed, 11 Enclose, 12 Date, 13 Cosmetic, 14 Bedpost, 15 Atom, 21 Assorted, 25 Nutritive, 26 Fine, 27 Desisted, Down: 1 Prop, 2 Joke, 4 Menu, 6 Hole, 6 Taste, 7 Cushy, 8 Alter, 10 Admit, 12 Root, 14 Force, 16 Tense, 17 Cedar, 18 Armed, 20 Osteo, 21 And, 22 Spore, 23 Trip, 24 Doom.

Algiers, Feb. 6. The fall of Premier Pierre Mendes-France resounded throughout French North Africa today and reactions ranged from apprehension to angry regret.

In Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia alike, both French and Arabs waited fearfully for outbreaks of violence which they anticipate as a result of the Premier's overthrow. Observers here said that nationalists in all three countries had more confidence in M. Mendes-France than in any premier since the war.

The Tunisian Premier, Tahar ben Ammar, himself called on the fallen Premier today in Paris in an exceptional mark of sympathy.

Snake Hiss Not Allowed In Frog Jump Contest

Margate, Natal, Feb. 6. Margate's frog population will be puzzled by some strange new rules—no croaking around them during Hobo Week in May. They will be frogs in California, England, Malaya, Spain, Australia, Java and Central Africa.

Whether to be a big frog in a small pond or a small frog in a big pond will be a question the Margate frogs can discuss from their minds.

For all South African frogs are being challenged in their own little pond by all the world's frogs—the biggest, the bravest and the nimblest.

Realizing the need for strict control in so important a competition the Margate authorities have drawn up a set of rules one of which reads:

"It is particularly forbidden to imitate the hiss of a snake either vocally or mechanically immediately behind a frog that is preparing to jump."

The regulations make it clear, however, that the owners are permitted to induce their entrants to jump by means of tickling with a grass stalk, banging on a tin, or a gentle admonition like "Jump for Mummy, please."—China Mail Special.

Ironically, Gaullet Deputy Jacques Sausselle, appointed new Governor in Algiers by the outgoing Government, arrived today to take over from the retiring Governor, Roger Leonard. His first day was taken up with official visits and a Press conference.

A spokesman for the National Neo-Destour party openly deplored the situation, but announced that his Party expected the next government of France to stick to M. Mendes-France's promises.

In Algeria, the most important of France's African territories and legally a part of France itself, much the same feeling was prevalent.

Dr. Ben Ali, first Vice-President of the Algerian Assembly, said demands for more Moslem rights in Algeria would be pressed no matter what a government existed.

"Governments pass but France remains," he said. "We are used to changes. But the team of M. Mendes-France had given birth to hope in North Africa."

Dr Adenauer Confident

Bonn, Feb. 6. Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor said in a nation-wide broadcast today he was convinced that the fall of the French Government would not have an adverse effect on the Paris treaties.

The treaties, signed last October, return a sovereign West Germany within the Atlantic alliance.

Dr. Adenauer, who was sure a new French Government would follow the policies of its predecessor, and secure quick ratification of the treaties. He appealed to Germans not to be led astray by overtures from the Soviet Union. He dismissed the Soviet threat that ratification would slam the door on talks on German re-unification.

WITHOUT DELAY

The Federal Committee of his Christian Democratic Union, consisting of 120 delegates from local party organisations followed Dr Adenauer's words by unanimously accepting a resolution calling for ratification of the Paris treaties in West Germany "without delay."

In Dortmund, the Social Democratic opposition leader, Herr Erich Ollenhauer, told the audience of 20,000 people that the Government should appreciate the effect the fall of M. Pierre Mendes-France, the French Premier, would have on the treaties.

He said there was no good reason to rush them through Parliament now that Paris might reject them. The Social Democratic Party wants East-West talks on German unity before any rearmament.

But the Christian Democrats at the Federal Committee meeting here instructed Party deputies in the Bundestag (lower house)—who have an absolute majority—to go ahead with the second and third readings of the treaties on February 24, 25 and 26 as originally planned.

The Committee elected Dr Robert Tillmanns, 60, a Bundestag deputy from Berlin, as Deputy Party Chairman after Dr Adenauer.

Dr. Tillmanns, who succeeds the late Dr Hermann Ehlers, takes particular interest in the cause of German unity.

Dr. Adenauer told the Committee in his broadcast speech that Germans should not take a tragic view of the so-called Soviet threat that talk on German unity would be impossible if the treaties were ratified.

ADVANTAGEOUS

The Soviet Union would negotiate when it considered it advantageous just as it seemed threats when it thought negotiating was to be avoided as he said he was in serious difficulties with the Russians."

Princess Beatrix, eldest daughter of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, performed her first solo public engagement recently, when she launched the new 31,000-ton Dutch tanker Yasun. The Princess is seen reading her speech prior to the launching. As the ship moved down the slip-way she waved her bouquet above her head with excitement.—Express Photo.



WARM WELCOME FOR PRINCESS IN GRENADE

St Georges, Grenada, Feb. 6. Princess Margaret arrived today at the lovely sugar and spice island of Grenada in the Windward Islands, third stop on her month's tour of the British West Indies.

Ships sirens, church bells and cheers from the crowd lining the picturesque waterfront greeted the Princess as she stepped ashore from the Royal Yacht Britannia.

The sun was shining brilliantly though only 20 minutes earlier a rain shower sent the crowds rushing to shelter.

The Princess was wearing a dress of blonde silk, embroidered with scalloped sleeves. The original necklace was high and rounded with a bib or piastre.

ROYAL BLUE

Her small white hat had a ribbon of royal blue and she wore a pearl necklace. Buildings fronting the beautiful harbour were decked with flags. The streets through which she later rode were brightened with coloured streamers and arches, featuring the green foliage of the island.

The Princess was welcomed by the Governor of the Windward Islands, Sir Edward Beetham, and by the Chairman of the St George's District Board, who read an address of welcome.

A copy of the address, bound in mahogany covers, bearing the Colony's crest was presented to the Princess.

A 21-gun salute was fired from Fort Georges, dominating the harbour, as the Britannia arrived after a night cruise from Tobago, the "Robinson Crusoe" Island.

Princess Margaret waved to hundreds of blenders, many of them in an armada of small craft in the harbour as she approached the landing stage. There two men dressed in picturesque white, black, yellow and red uniforms with the long tasseled hats of an old West Indian Regiment, stood at attention.

SIXTH VISITOR

Princess Margaret is the sixth Royal visitor to Grenada. The first was Prince William Henry, third son of King George Third, who came to the island 108 years ago.

Cheers resounded through the Island capital, with its cloud-shrouded mountains in the background, as she drove to St George's Anglican Church for a thanksgiving service.

The Lord Bishop of the Windward Islands, the Rt Rev. Norman Shapley, welcomed her to the crowded

Princess Beatrix Launches Ship

NICARAGUA WARNED COSTA RICA

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 6. The Nicaraguan President, Senor Anastasio Somoza, today warned Costa Rica that air incursions over Nicaragua could lead to war between the two republics.

The President said that Costa Rican aircraft had "strafed and bombed" Nicaraguan territory during the recent operations against Costa Rican rebels in the Los Chiles region.

He added that his Government would protest to Costa Rica and to the Organisation of American States against what he termed "a new violation of Nicaraguan air space."

The Costa Rican Government of President Jose Figueres was responsible for the critical situation arising from these repeated attacks on Nicaragua's sovereignty and territorial integrity," Senor Somoza said.

"If a single drop of Nicaraguan blood were shed, it might cause a war between our two countries," he concluded.—France-Presse.

Syrian Cabinet Resigns

Cairo, Feb. 6. The Syrian Cabinet of Prime Minister Kholby has resigned after under four months in office, according to Cairo reports today. Diplomatic sources said this is likely to have a bearing on the Arab-Premiers' talks here trying to end the Iraqi-Egyptian differences over the proposed Turco-Iraqi defence pact.—Reuter.

P. & O. Commodore

London, Feb. 6. Captain G. C. Forrest, who has commanded the 29,754-ton liner Arcadia since January 1954, has been appointed Commodore of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, it was announced today.—China Mail Special.

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BUMPER YEAR FOR DEBS

London. BUMPER year for deb's," a voice solemnly forecasts from the Lord Chamberlain's office, where the applications for this year's presentation parties are being "vetted."

A "bumper" crop. More than 700 girls made their debut. The reason? Because the Queen, after missing last year's presentations, will once more be taking the deb's curtsies this March.

Debs who were still wearing gym-slips before Christmas, chubby-faced, flop-haired, and shrieked with glee, will between March and May (the season starts in deadly earnest in May) turn imperceptibly from school-girls into experienced social campaigners. Some of them may even change their hair-styles, and one at least will blossom into the "Deb of the Year."

Best Friend

But it is "Mums" who largely count in this semi-static whirl of debutante rivalry.

Apart from the initial endowment of looks and personality, it is Mum indisputably, who is a deb's best friend—plotter, planner and protector.

And to some of the Mums of 1955 I offer the views of two of the Mums of 1954 on this year's big question.

"Can she be launched for less than £1,000?" (Recollecting that 1954's most-launched deb, Australian Barbara Stanley Smith spent more than £10,000 on her coming-out ball alone.)

No. So says Sir Andrew and Lady Clark who put the figure at more than £2,000 for 1954's coming-out season of their younger daughter, Susan.

Yes. Or just a little over, says the most-triumphant Mum of 1954, Mrs Patrice Brunner, whose daughter, April, was voted Deb of the Year.

Knock-out item on the deb account is the "coming-out" ball.

The Clarks hired Hutchinson House, and there were 800 to 900 people present.

Lady Clark's comment: "I thought it was a waste of time."

The Brunners were able to use the 400 drawing-room and large garden of their home in Kensington for their daughter's coming-out ball, at which there were 400 guests.

One "economy" that kept the Brunner budget at around £1,000 was a cut in the clothes bill by having one simple white satin ball dress over which went a series of different "toppings."

Two of 1955's "Mums," however, don't agree that £1,000 need be spent.

Mrs Cecil Madden, wife of the TV chief, says "considerably less" for the launching of her daughter, Mordie. ("She's very fair and very stately," says her mother.)

Sharing a dance in the country with another girl will cut down the main expense, says Mrs Madden, and adds that her daughter (who is studying stage design) will make all her own clothes.

"Absolutely nothing at all will be spent," is the resolution of Mrs Patricia Marlowe, wife of Mr Anthony Marlowe, MP, for the launching of her second daughter, Julia.

"When my daughter Pixie (now Mrs Lynn Bulford Paul) came out in 1950 we spent nothing, you see, she seemed to go to all the parties just the same."

"There will simply be occasional dance tickets and taxi fares, and of course, Julia makes her own clothes."

"She refuses to go to Queen Charlotte's Ball as she doesn't want to run away to rakes, but she will go to everything else."

In The Swim

Just what do the parents get out of a daughter's season?

Mostly the pleasure of seeing her "in the swim" (and the cash distinction of being able to keep her that).

And what do the daughters get out of it?

First and foremost, friends.

"Of course," adds Lady Clark,

"she also meets an awful lot of people who never wants to see again."

Does a deb expect to marry?

No. The days when a deb was supposed to step straight into Debut seem to have gone.

Of the 1954 deb's only two, Miss Carol Carr and Miss Tilly Laycock, have announced their engagements and neither of these matches can be attributed to the London season.

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MY name is Charlie—Charlie Nelson. I'm a large, happy man—the sort you find standing in the corner of a bar buying a round of drinks.

Robert sat blinking at her with his arm in a sling and his thumb in a bandage.

Robert said: "May I ask you a personal question? How long has it been since you've seen a woman?"

Robert looked startled.

"About 20 minutes," he said.

They spent that evening looking into her accounts. And they saw one another again, and again, until one night.

Robert made a proposal which was probably unique. He said: "I think it would be economically very sound if we were to file a joint tax return—then we'd get two tax exemptions."

Nina giggled: "But I didn't think you could do that—file a joint return—unless you were married or something..."

Then she tumbled to it... and they were married.

Robert chuckled. "I got my finger caught in an adding machine. You see they have so few wounded here on the third floor, I think—that the doctors sometimes lose their heads when they actually get a patient."

After that they got on very well together.

Robert told her that he really dealt with tax returns, and he offered to look into hers if she

BEGINNING

THE DAY A HERO MET A BLONDE

Eight years later Nina was a successful television script writer with her own programme and Robert was still going through other people's tax returns. At night he would curl up with a book and she would just curl up.

Robert came to see me in those days and he said he thought his marriage was going to hell.

"Look at him," she was saying in Robert's direction. "I don't know what is going to happen to him and I don't care."

So Nina and Robert decided on a divorce. And Nina went off to Reno.

Her lawyer there wore a stetson hat and a string bow like a bootlace. He thought it was a lovely ceremony. "I always cry at divorces," he said happily, "and this was really a beautiful, beautiful divorce."

With Nina out of the way Robert moved in with me and then we went off to a smart restaurant to celebrate.

This was a reckless move. Because sitting there at another table were Nina and her mother, Robert and I swallowed several dry Martinis to give us courage and Nina seemed to be getting her mother to order doubles too.

JUDY HOLLIDAY

The Ph..f..f..f..t girl

THAT NIGHT AT SUTTON COLDFIELD

By J. W. TAYLOR

London. From the tragedy, death and destruction of the Sutton Coldfield train disaster, have emerged stories which, in the words of Mr J. A. Brown, district secretary of the National Union of Railways, "showed that the cream of human kindness overflowed through that night."

There were those scores of men and women with homes in the vicinity of the scene of the crash who jumped walls, scrambled through railings and wire and rolled down embankment sides to start the rescue work. One man, with them sliced up the position of trying to work in the gathering gloom and raced off to a nearby funfair site managed by a relative. There he "commandeered" the big generator and batteries of lights used to illuminate the fairground and had them transported to the line-side. Throughout the night the rescuers toiled in the light of the funfair lamps.

All over the disaster area, shocked and slightly injured passengers waded into the wreckage and pulled out scores of trapped passengers until the full force of other helpers, including doctors, nurses, police and firemen, who worked ceaselessly throughout the night, was felt. Then other kindly helpers surrounded the earlier ones to go to the emergency rest centres, which had been set up in the vicinity of station and line-side.

THOUSANDS OF FACS

There was, for example, the Birmingham tool makers' director who was giving a helping hand and continually hearing the request: "Got a cigarette, friend? I ran out ages ago." He hurried away and soon returned with 6,000 "smokes" which he proceeded to distribute in packets amongst the rescuers needing them, with a few here and there for a newly-released trapped victim. Then he drove away in his car—without a "fag" left for himself.

Gallantry abounded, particularly that of two people who first averted further possible disaster before joining in the rescue operations. Mrs Marjorie Fairley of Sutton Coldfield, heard the crash whilst painting her line-side house and ran towards a signal box, waving and shouting to the driver of an approaching express. It was slowing up, for the signals were set at danger by railway foreman Derek Smith, of Little Over, Derby. He was a passenger in the wrecked train. Despite head injuries received when he was hurled through the carriage window, he ran to a locked signal box, forced a way in and operated the signals. Both he and Mrs Fairley returned to the scene of the crash to help rescue workers.

STATION STREET

Passengers who were able to leave the scene unaided, but were numb and shocked, will always remember the kindly people of Station Street. They took them into their houses, gave them rest, food and drink and free telephone calls to all parts of the country to reassure anxious relatives as to their safety. The overflow was directed to scores of neighbouring houses where hospitality was equally generous. A nearby caterer kept his establishment open for 18 hours non-stop, and anyone who didn't happen to have the money didn't have to worry...

Many of the meals eaten by the rescue workers came from the elaborate kitchens of one of Birmingham's leading hotels. There the head chef and his full staff worked overtime to supply meals in batches of 200.

Reds' New Strategy Threatens India

By James Wickenden

IF the Communists win the election in the south Indian state of Andhra this month, they will create the first democratically-elected Communist government in the world. For the first time Communists will come to power without stealth, rigging voting, or intimidation.

Then, one day, the admiral sent for me and said he wanted me to look after a young writer who was coming over from the radio station to find a Navy hero and do a programme about him. "Find her a hero," ordered the admiral.

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So I thought I'd do Robert a favour by handing her over to him.

She came to the office and introduced herself.... Nina Chapman. She was blonde, attractive, with a jumper and a notebook and neatly sharpened pencils.

I told Robert that he was detailed to be a hero that day. He didn't seem to like the idea very much since he had never been to sea, let alone heard a gun fired in anger.

He gave me an argument at first until I finally had to pull rank. "Look here, Robert," I said, "I am forced to remind you I am in command here. So, Lieutenant Tracy—I order you to be a hero."

Nina Chapman came in and sat down with her notebook at the ready. I said to her: "I think he is just

Malaya, Siam and Burma as the seat of their Buddhist faith. For it was from Andhra that the Mahayana Buddhist religion spread forth.

The existence of Andhra itself is one of India's biggest problems. It is a state born in defiance of Nehru's idea of a non-racial nation. Nehru grudgingly agreed to its formation on the basis of a common language—Telugu—only after the one-language movement's leader had fasted to death and civil war became imminent in 1953.

They will rule 20,000,000 people, equal to almost half the population of Britain; govern the seventh largest state in India; and strike a serious blow at Nehru's ageing Congress Party. At one stroke Moscow will reach into the heart of neutralist Asia, for it will demonstrate that Communism in Asia does not exclusively rely on guerrilla war; that it has a new, deadlier weapon—open political manoeuvre.

This shock to Asian democracy cannot fail to reverberate through the whole region more powerfully than the French collapse in Indo-China. For it will demonstrate that Communism in Asia does not exclusively rely on guerrilla war; that it has a new, deadlier weapon—open political manoeuvre.

Since then the Andhra Communists, led by extremist Rajeswara Rao, have risen in the Party hierarchy to minute positions. Rajeswara Rao has been to Moscow, where the gospel for the Communist Party of India, the CPI, was specially written in 1951.

The arena of this struggle, Andhra, is of vital significance to Asia. It is known to the peoples of China and Indo-China,

India is a semi-colonial state whose freedom must be won by armed peasant overthrow of the government. Although modified at various times, the principle of the Tactical Line is still the doctrine of the CPI.

This is the problem and the threat which faced Nehru and the Congress Party in Andhra, where elections were scheduled. He had the choice of continuing to rule the state arbitrarily through President's rule, or of allowing democracy its chance. He chose the ballot box.

But Nehru wisely decided that the Congress Party should seek alliance with other non-Communist parties. So an electoral agreement has been formed between the Congress Party, the Socialists and the Krishakar Lok (the Peasant Party).

They fight the Communists

on

United Front

for the 190 seats

in the Andhra Assembly. Congress is putting up 130 candidates and the Communists about 176. The remaining seats will be fought for by the Socialists and Krishakar Lok.

In the old Assembly the Communists held 40 seats. Most observers agree that they will win 50 seats this time. This does not, of course, give them an absolute majority. What then is the answer?

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Stay Away From This Type Bidding

By OSWALD JACOBY

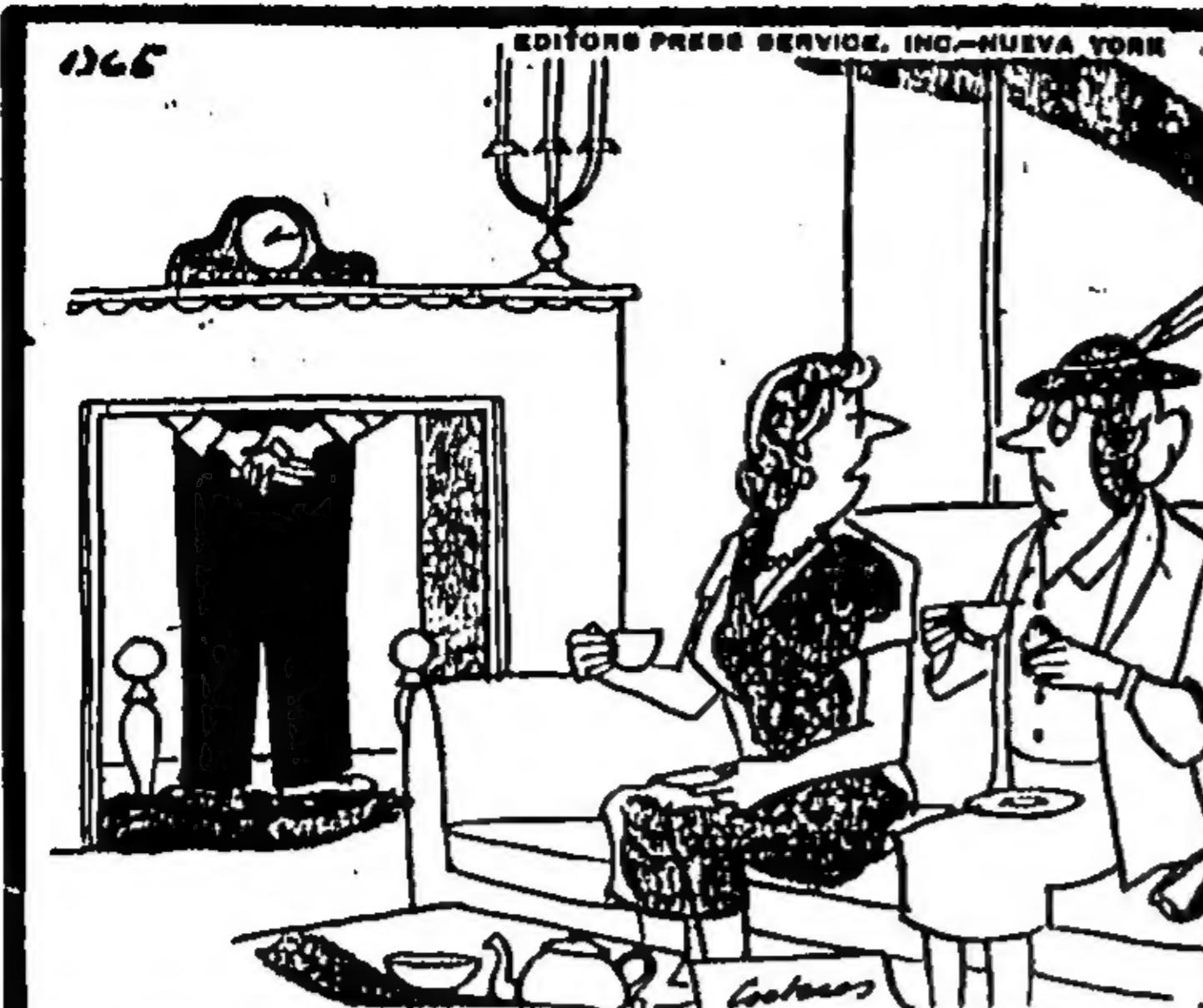
I DON'T recommend the bidding of the hand shown today. South was lucky to find my play it all for the small aces and should have been satisfied to stay at game.

It was quite right for South to think a slam when North made a positive response to the opening two bid, but this wasn't the right time to use the Blackwood Convention. The trouble was that South didn't know whether to bid five or six even after he found out how many aces his partner had.

After North's raise to three hearts, South should have made a one bid in one of the minor suits. North would go back to hearts, and South could then bid the other minor suit as a further slam try.

If North had the makings of a slam he would show a sign of life after South had made the two slam tries. With the actual hand North would bid a solid five hearts, and South would abandon the idea of bidding a slam.

When the hand was actually played, West opened the king of diamonds against the contract of



"Harry likes to go off by himself every once in a while."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THERE used to be a story of an Englishman who claimed to have seen Napoleon during the 1812 campaign. When asked to describe him, the old man said "He was very tall and thin, with red hair and red whiskers."

I have just read that there are people alive in Russia who were children in 1812. Why not? That great Danish sailor Christian Frederik Sønderup founded the Drakenborg Society, died, if I remember rightly, at the age of 96, in Aarhus. It is reported that when asked if he had known Tennyson, he replied, "Oh, yes. The dissident young puppy!"

Round the town

CARLTON WENSLEYDALE, man-about-town, or as much about town as a festive, rowdy student can be, won his way into the room where the cocked party was in progress. He wanted to find someone to introduce him to his hostess, whom he had never seen. He gathered people here and there, and drained a glass handed to him by a girl who said "Hello! You have a little bit of a head, don't you?" After a quarter of an hour the host drew so appalled that he decided to leave. His exit coincided with that of a lady, and they went down in the lift together. "Pretty

grown up in the streets

WHERE are probably some very odd people, lost and the London traffic, who, on the day they set out to cross London, one man who was accused of not paying his fare on a bus and the conductor "I'm the younger who got on at Oxford Circus."

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

BORN today you are a composite of many varying characteristics and even native versatility makes you a different individual to different people. You respond to external stimuli and often take on the habits of men in a temporary situation. You are prone to yearn for "belonging" anywhere. A basic maxim of yours is "when in Rome, do as the Romans do."

You have a definite gift for the written word, are excellent in character delineation, being most astute, asthmatic and understanding a person's motivations at first meeting. You are, by nature, gregarious and likeable, and the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birth-day star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your experience should stand you in good stead today, as well as any type of special education.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—In business difficulties seek out someone who knows the right answers and get some advice.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—You may find routine a little dull but will soon be where you want to go with the least possible trouble, just now.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 19)—Any temptation to spend more than is advisable, just now, extravagance is ill-advised.

GEMINI (May 20-June 21)—Planning on taking a new job because that you know exactly what is to be demanded of you.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You can avoid most errors by being careful and attentive to all detail connected with your work.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You may find it necessary to guard against loss, today. The signs are set for you to use care.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Business matters may come up for reconsideration, so be alert and try to make a profit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Patience is a virtue that you may need to practise today, if you are to win out over setbacks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Remember that you don't like to be criticised by others, so be careful of what you say, as well.

E.T.O. (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—

Answer Tomorrow

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered.

You, South, hold: Spades K-7-4, Hearts 7-5-2, Diamonds 6-3, Clubs A-J-5-4-2. What do you do?

ANSWER Tomorrow

DUMB-BELLS

I WILL PAY THAT MY ROOM RENT IN ADVANCE, ANOTHER TWENTY GENTS IN STARTING WITH A CLEAN SHEET!

Saturday's solution: Centre core creates certain ECCENTRIC enter seven five reasons: twice rent rents, rise, rise term term tier, tier, tier, tier, rise, rise trim.

The small squares must be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one small square in the list. No plurals; no proper names; no foreign words. Solution tomorrow.

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KMB FIND BIG GAME TIGERS BLOCKING THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP ROAD

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The speed and enthusiasm of Sing Tao's youngsters are becoming infectious. Old hands Chang Kam-hoi and Hau Yung-sang are being rejuvenated by the surge of youth that is carrying the Tigers back along the path to their former greatness.

In this lively game played at the Club Stadium yesterday these two players inspired the Sing Tao side to another thrilling display that often had the Busmen reeling right back on their heels. Some of their combined play was way ahead of anything produced by the Champions and while a scoreless draw was, in the end, a fitting result, the honours of the game go to the Tigers.

KMB played good orthodox football and demonstrated that they are a hard team to beat even when the general run of things is going against them but they never had the freshness or the effectiveness in their play that was noticeable in the game that was noticeable in the play of their opponents.

From a spectator's point of view this was grand entertainment with the result in the balance right up to the last second. Don't get me wrong, KMB were very ready, but the Tigers had the initiative. They fell back on defence and KMB swept into control of the mid-field exchanges but the experience and strength of Chang Kam-hoi and Hau Yung-sang took their side through a sticky patch during the second half.

Wai Fat-kim, Tang Sum, Szeto Yiu, Lee Tai-fai and Lau Chi-lam were the top stars. Szeto Man was hardly ever seen and Tang Yee-ki, who got some hard knocks. Chang Kam-hoi was lectured by the referee for one incident was seldom dangerous. Lau Shui-wah who was having his first senior game did well enough to suggest that he will get another chance on the left touchline.

Lau continues to improve but he would be well advised to play the ball ALL the time. There are some little things in football that youngsters can learn too quickly.

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SOUTH CHINA 5, ARMY 1

Army No Match For South China

This Army team which has suffered so many changes in recent weeks was no match for a brilliant bang-on-form South China side at Caroline Hill on Saturday. The soldiers could never match the instinctive understanding of their opponents, and the delightful man-to-man play of the South China boys wrought havoc in the Army rear lines ... but the real trouble in the soldiers' side was further forward.

Against inside forwards of the class of Ho Cheung-yau and Yiu Cheuk-yin it is soccer suicide to have both wing halves going up in the attack. Higgins and Walters persisted in this move. Often the ball was returned over their heads by the South China defenders and dropped into the open space they had just vacated. This threw far too much work on to Barker, Crompton and Hayes and, well as they played, they often found themselves confronted by two unmarked men coming into the attack.

Much of the good attacking work of Higgins and Walters on the other hand was wasted on an inept forward line in which Murray was woefully slow, Middleton out of touch, and newcomer Osborne starved of the ball for long periods.

Lau Kin-chung, making his first appearance in South China's goal had a fine debut and his courage and safe handling must have been most reassuring to the club officials. Lot Tak-hai looked fully fit after his long lay off and Tong Sheung's absence passed almost unnoticed so well did Chua Chi-kun play in the left half position.

WONDERFUL SOCCER

The power of the South China side was again on the left wing where Yiu Cheuk-yin and Moi Chun-wai played some wonderful soccer in the wide open spaces left for them in the Army right defence. Ho Cheung-yau is improving with every game and his ability to snatch a goal at a vital stage of the game makes him the danger man of the line.

Army started with a strong wind at their back and might have gone into an early lead when Morris put one just wide of the post.

South China slowly but surely took control and their first goal in 15 minutes when Ho Cheung-yau nipped one in at the post as several defenders stood by uncertain what to do. Chu Wing-wah

NOTICE

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

Colony Tennis Championships

Entries for the Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships close at 5 p.m. on the 9th February, and 1st Round Matches start on the 14th February.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops.

RUSSIANS BEAT INDIA 4-0

New Delhi, Feb. 6. The touring Russian football team today beat India in the first international match between the two countries by four goals to nil, scoring three times before the interval.

The Russians, drawn mainly from the Moscow Dynamo and Spartak clubs, have so far won all six matches played on the tour without conceding a single goal.—Reuters

CHOICE OF THE DARK BLUES



Here is the crew that hopes to repeat Oxford's Boat Race victory of last year. They are seen during training at Wallingford, Berkshire, and are, left to right: Cox, I. A. Watson (Keble), Stroke, E. V. Vine (Brasenose), No. 7, E. Pain (Lincoln), No. 6, D. P. Wells (Magdalen), No. 5, R. D. T. Raknes (Merton), No. 4, R. H. Carnegie (Magdalen), No. 3, J. M. Wilson (Trinity), No. 2, J. G. McLeod (New College), and Bow, J. A. Gobbo (Magdalen). — Reuterphoto.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Saints Blank The Delawares 5-0

Good softball was seen at King's Park yesterday. All matches were well fought and competition was keen. St Joseph's blanked the young Delawares 5-0 and CAA trounced U.S. Navy 11-1 in the Senior "A" League. Pandas 'B' nosed out University in a last inning rally by 10-8 and Overseas succumbed to Blackhawks 'A' 5-9 in "B" Division. In the Ladies' League Wahtoos 'B' edged Pandarettes 13-11 and Wahtoos 'A' received a walkover from Colleens 'A'.

Delawares played their best game of the season as they held the Pennholding Saints to a narrow two-run lead until the last frame where the latter rallied in three runs in blanking the former 5-0.

The ancients batted first and it was Ignar Erickson who opened the score. He was passed after one down and a wild pitch at second sent him all the way home. Dave Leonard hit a two-bagger after two out and A. Ditta was passed again. But Arturo Ozorio's intell fly ended the inning.

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Clean Sweep By Admira FC

Singapore, Feb. 6.

The Admira F. C. Vienna made a clean sweep of their series when they defeated a Singapore XI by three goals to one to day. The half-time score was 2-1 in favour of the visiting Austrians.

The game was hard fought although Admira had most of the play.—United Press.

Swedish Speed Skater Upset Russians

Falun, Central Sweden, Feb. 6.

Sweden's Sigge Ericsson upset forecasts by ice skating critics to win the European Ice Speed Skating Championship here today in front of Russia's Oleg Gencharenko.

The Swedes headed the general classification for the four events with 205,000 points and Gencharenko finished second with 207,053 points.

After yesterday's 500 and 6,000 metres events the Soviet skaters headed the general classification with 100,171 points against Ericsson's 100,980 points.

But over the poor surface conditions at the Koppervallen rink today Ericsson won the 10,000 metres event and came third in the 1,000 metres event in 10 min. 32.0 secs. and 3 min. 27.0 secs. respectively.

Dimitri Sakenko of the Soviet Union was third in the general classification with 207,707 points and Kees Brookman fourth with 206,003 points.—France Presse.

THE GAMBOLES . . . by Barry Appleby



Thrilling Cricket And Close Victories In Both Divisions By "GOOLY"

Thrilling cricket in both Divisions, with matches being decided in the last overs of the day, was a feature of the week-end League games.

Army South improved on their position at the head of the First Division League table at the expense of Crangengower and Recrelo, hard on the heels of the leaders, shared four points with Scorpions at King's Park in a tied match.

Scorpions had the first case of the wicket and their openers, J. G. Knight and J. A. Cheetham, started off in grand style.

This partnership had yielded 42 runs when Cheetham was bowled by Gerry Gosano. This was followed by a second wicket stand between Stanton and Knight. This had produced another 66 runs when the former was caught by Eddie Gosano off Ozorio's bowling.

Two wickets were down for 90 runs. Then came a complete collapse and within a space of 18 minutes seven Scorpions were back in the pavilion with only 43 runs added to their score. Their innings closed at 153.

Recrelo were given 70 minutes to get the runs and they too started off well with their first wicket falling at 40 runs. Their second fell with no score added.

Then Eddie Gosano went in and had grand knock for 29 runs before being given leg before wicket.

Another sparkling knock of 27 runs by A. P. Pereira gave the Recrelo boys hopes of a victory and runs came steadily. The score mounted up to 145 for 6 and another eight runs were needed for a victory with four wickets in hand.

Two more wickets went with only five runs added to the total and when their last man, N. Souza, went the score was tied and Souza, facing the first ball from Knight, was beautifully caught by the bowler to salvage two points for the Scorpions.

Army South pulled away from the other teams when they scored a convincing win over CCC to give them a total of 30 points to lead to the table.

Some spectacular bowling was seen in this match with Clark of Army taking seven CCC wickets for 33. In reply, B. Dibbles took five of the soldiers' wickets for 18 runs.

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Army Win The Pentangular Rugger Tournament, Beat Club 16-6

By "PAK LO"

Although the Pentangular Tournament still has a few weeks to run the problematical question of which team would emerge the victor has now been finally settled when, on Saturday afternoon, on the Club ground the Army clinched their claim to the title by downing the Club by 16 points (2 goals, 2 tries) to 6 points (1 try, 1 penalty goal), in a game where interest in the outcome was mainly maintained by the hard-fighting "never-say-die" attitude of the Club forwards.

In the previous encounter the Navy triumphed, rather surprisingly, over the RAF by 6 points (2 penalty goals) to 5 points (1 goal) in a closely contested match,

The Army, as a result of their win, have now a total of five points in the Pentangular Tournament, giving them a lead of seven points over their nearest rivals, the RAF and the Navy, each of whom have scored five points.

The RAF have only two games to play off, so the maximum total they can reach is nine points, whilst the Navy with three games in hand, can only reach a total of eleven points at best.

LATEST STANDING

For those of you who like to check their own figures here is the latest data on the Pentangular:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Army	6	0	0	6	0	70	23
Navy	5	2	1	2	23	37	5
RAF	5	2	1	3	40	26	5
Club	5	2	0	3	22	46	4
Poole	4	0	0	4	45	45	0

The main interest will therefore be concentrated in the future on the run-up to the final.

As can be seen from the Table either the Navy, RAF or Club could take second place, and the Navy look the more likely prospect.

In the main game of the afternoon the Club, originally intending to play only seven men in the pack, had to switch back to their old and tried plans when Tidman was unable to turn out, having been injured when playing against the combined Malayan-Singapore team.

Perhaps it was just as well, for the addition of an extra man to the Club three line would have made little difference.

The principle behind the extra man in the threes is to spoil the attacks, but for this to succeed the threes must tackle them man.

With the lone exception of Penman, the Club's threes never tackled properly once, and the Army walked through their line.

Had it not been for Petrie, the full back, whose kicking was a delight to watch, the Army would have reached an astronomical score.

Petrie's only weakness was his positioning, but this was but to be expected, and with a little study of men like Logan or Patterson, he could become a first class full back.

MORE THAN MADE UP

The Club pack, however, more than made up for its backs. Led by Kerr they were much more dangerous in the loose; and if their threes had been capable of easing the pressure on them, could have won the game.

Kerr and Kilvert were far and away the best of the Club forwards, while Farquharson was noticeable in the lineouts.

The Army pack, while it overpowered the Club in the set scrums, never showed the same power in the loose. Their work on the lineout was good, with Fensy and Coley outstanding. Parkinson shone at scrum half.

Getting his threes away beautifully with some neat passes, Brentford had a terrific game, cutting through making openings and even scoring himself. In the attack his threes were brilliant, Ingall in particular shone, but in defense against the powerful Club pack they looked shabby, and were not greatly helped by Wrinkie at full back, who never settled and had an unhappy day.

The Army kicked off, and opened with a strong attack which forced the Club back until the Army had only ten yards of the Army line.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Squash Championships (Semi-finals) at Victoria Barracks, 6.30 p.m.
Baptistian School Badminton Championships at Greenham Training College at 4 p.m.

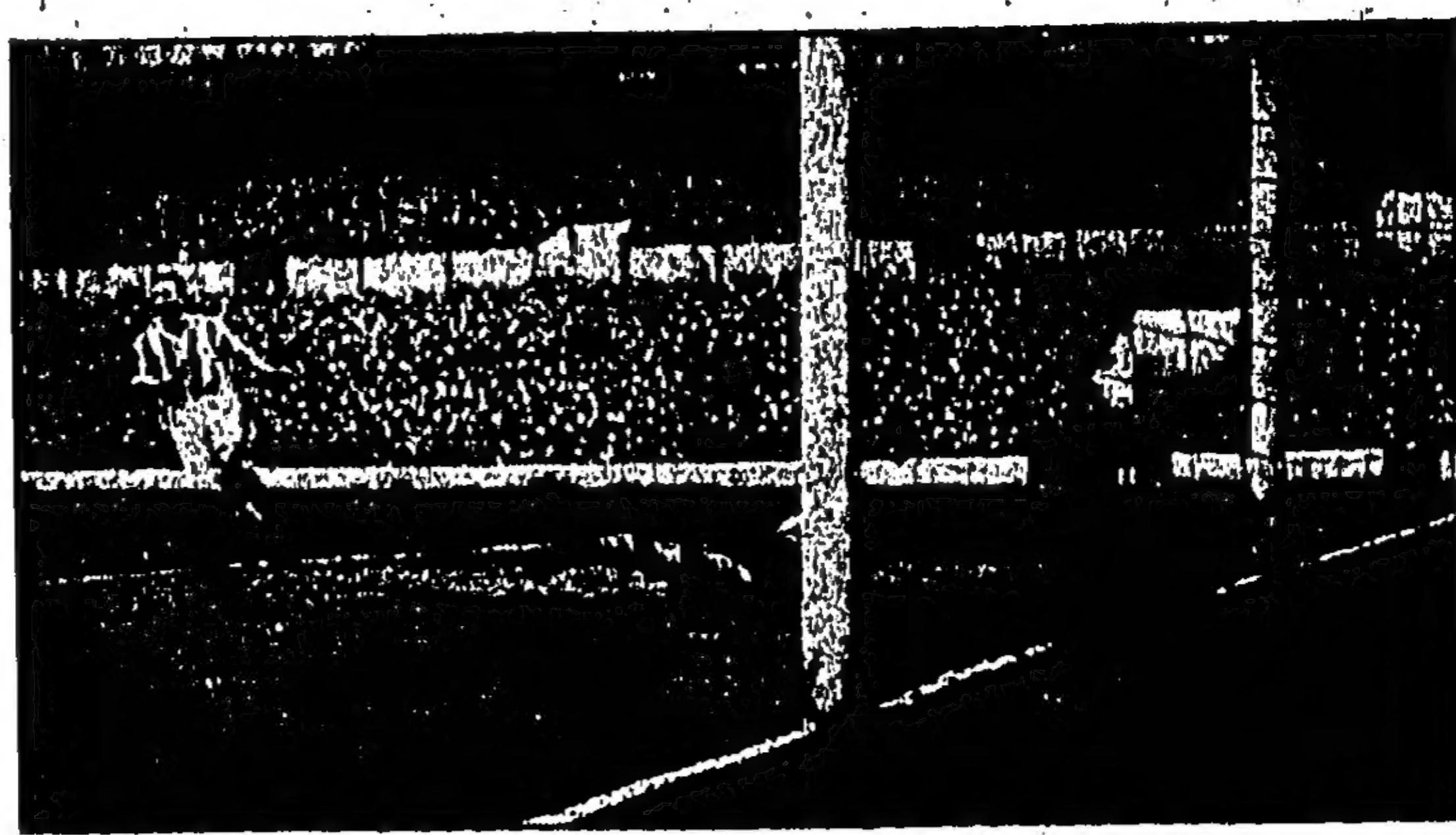
MEETING
HKCA Council Meeting 5.45 p.m.
TOMORROW
Squash Army Championships commence.
HKASA Council Meeting Club Lutitano 6.15 p.m.
RA/RB 40th Division Athletic Meeting Boundary Street.

WEDNESDAY

Softball Inter-school League King's Park Meeting.
HK Badminton Meeting Marina House 6.30 p.m.
Athletics 2nd Badminton Regiment Athlete Meeting Boundary Street 8.30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Squash School Championships at Queen's College.

SPURS OPEN THE SCORING



With Port Vale goalie King lying prone, the ball shoots into the net as Tottenham Hotspur open the scoring with a goal from inside-left Brooks during the FA Cup fourth round match at Tottenham. Spurs won 4-2.—Reuterphoto.

CHU MING SCORES MEAGRE 24 POINTS IN LAST EVENT, WINS COLONY PENTATHLON

By "RECORDER"

Chu Ming, South China's Long Jump star, won the third Annual HKAAA Pentathlon Championship at Caroline Hill yesterday with a respectable total of 2,006 points after a laborious 1,500 Metres run in 5 minutes 43.5 seconds which netted him just 24 points.

Lt. Paul Miller of the Army AAA, a recent arrival in the Colony, was 283 points in arrears of University's Ng Chuan-wai after four events, but with a very respectable 4 minutes 35.6 seconds in the 1,500 Metres scored an additional 454 points to finish second with a total of 1,898.

G. Rogers, also of the Army AAA, proved to be the real "dark horse" of the competition and, scoring steadily if not spectacularly throughout, finished third with 1,704 points.

Shortly after this score first Annandale, and then Logan missed long penalty kicks, just before half time. In the second half play swung back and forth between the two 25s, until with the Navy on the RAF 25 Morgan of the RAF took the ball from the loose and with a beautiful punt found touch ten yards from the Navy line.

Miller got the ball in the loose and the three swept up the field. Logan joined in the movement, and crashed his way through. He was tackled as he crossed the line and the ball went loose but Gammon following up touched it down. Morgan converted. 3-5.

The Navy pressed with Harrison showing up well, but it was not until Slemmon was injured that the Navy got another chance to score.

Slemmon's deputy was penalised for "feet up" but Harrison missed. Almost immediately after the RAF were again penalised, this time for offside, and the three swept up the field. Logan joined in the movement, and crashed his way through. He was tackled as he crossed the line and the ball went loose but Gammon following up touched it down. Morgan converted. 3-5.

Ng Chuan-wai, after doing well below his best in the Javelin and Discus Throw, where he was expected to pick up points, finished fourth with 1,732 points after only "Metre Mile."

Other scores were: Ho Hit-po 1,596; Dr. Greasley 1,442; D. J. Shepherd-Ashley 1,380; Cheung Chek-yin 1,365; and P.A. Ellis 1,012.

Chu Ming started well with a solid 710 points for a 22 ft. 2 1/4 inches long jump, a magnificent leap under the atrocious run-up conditions. Ng Chuan-wai was not far behind with 21 ft. 9 inches.

Both Chu and Ng lost valuable points on the Javelin Throw, a strong event with either of them, as Lt. Miller led with 147 feet 6 inches, which he admitted was just about what they were awarded a penalty for offside. Morgan missed by fractions of an inch and the game was over.

SECOND HALF
The second half started with a Club attack, and Petrie missed a long penalty from 35 yards out, and the ball went into touch.

In the lineout Russell forced his way through, then passed to Slack who was well tackled. A scrum resulted. The Club heeled and Cole took the ball and went through on the open side, catching the Army, who were expecting a blind side break, off guard, and scored well out.

Petrie missed the conversion by the proverbial cat's whisker.

FRIDAY GAME
On Friday the Combined Malayan-Singapore XV overcame the Combined Services by 6 points to 3 points in a really fine game.

One point of interest was the large crowd which turned up both for this game and its predecessor on Thursday.

Even allowing for the fact that there were important games the attendance was excellent and I offer the suggestion that many more mid-week games be played under the floodlights next season.

Chu Ming won the 200 Metres in 24.2 seconds, with Ho Hit-po 25.1, Ng Chuan-wai following with 25.2, and Lt. Miller content with 20.3. Rogers turned in a 25.6 that passed unnoticed at this stage, but the standings after three events were: Chu Ming 1,600; Ng Chuan-wai 1,430; Rogers 1,300; Ho Hit-po 1,183 and Lt. Miller 1,117.

HISTORICAL
Despite the fact that the discus used was found to be an ounce or two underweight, the game at present. Under the floodlights there appears to be the optical illusion that the game is played at a very much faster rate, and this will also engender greater interest, making for livelier games.

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To add insult to injury, he then added another two points by converting his own try, 11-3.

Four minutes passed before the Army scored again, when Kirkpatrick went tearing down the wing, passed to Cunningham, but Kilvert with a glorious tackle saved the day. The ball was cleared upfield, but Brentford took it from the loose and ran through the Club backs fairly easily to score under the posts. Coley converted 16-3.

The Army threes kept up the pressure, but offside, but did not find touch and Spencer gathered and sent the forwards away again to the 10-yard line. In the lineout the Army were offside, and Petrie took and converted to make the score 16-6.

With the Club forwards once more on the warpath, the game finally closed.

NAVY v RAF
In the previous game between the Navy and the RAF, the play was scrappy at times as the ball stayed mostly among the forwards.

In the RAF side Morgan played a magnificent game and stopped many dangerous Navy rushes. Woolf also shone, particularly in the loose and round the scrums.

In the lineout Lamb was a tower of strength. Neither set of backs impressed greatly and though both got plenty of chances they never managed to catch off their moves.

On the Navy side Petrie, Bromhall, Palmer, Stone, Hickson, Cole, Slack, Russell, Barker, Kerr, Hargrove, Campbell, Farquharson, Kilvert.

AN ERROR
I must apologise for an error in this column the other day.

The local Inter-Unit Knockout Competition Final is on Tuesday, February 8, at 4 p.m. at Sookunpoo, not on March 3.

On March 3 the game is between the winner of Tuesday's game and the Singapore-Malayan winners of their Tournament.

THE TEAMS

RAF: Logan, Gammon, Brown, Close, Colgan, McGarry, Smith, McDonald, Slemmon, Miller, Lamb, Morgan, Davies, Brightwell, Woolf.

Navy: Lloyd, Tait, Fleet, Hewitt, Steward, Barton, Seymour-Ear, Hata, Sheering, Newman, Annandale, Harrison, Culverwell, Claude Costes.

Army: Wrinkie, Edwards, Cunningham, Kirkpatrick, Bevan, Thomas, Barker, Thindell, Winnick, Terry, McGahey, Coley, Hill.

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SPURS OPEN THE SCORING

HOME RUGGER

Middlesex And Lancashire In County Final

London, Feb. 5.

Middlesex, life holders, reached the final of the Rugby Union County Championship when they beat Cornwall 10-3 at Redruth today.

For the second successive year, their final opponents will be Lancashire who defeated Leicestershire by three points to nothing in the other semi-final today at Blandfords. The match will be on March 12 probably at Twickenham.

Middlesex who have now reached the last stage of the competition four times in the last five seasons, had eight internationals in their side including six of the current England team. They always looked the class side and led 3-0 at the interval.

The West Countrymen put up a spirited fight and with their defence and covering first class, they had the better of the second half territorially.

Lancashire's winning points came from a first half try by Bazeley, the best effort of the match.

Lancashire won because of their superior passing and tactics but Leicestershire played hard at times and frequently appeared likely to equalise.

Both Raydale and Bazley on the wing were Lancashire's best men frequently troubling their opponents with fine pace and elusive running. Leicestershire's best were fullback Small, Shepherd on the wing, and Jenkins, Barton and Smith, joined a very fine pack consistently.

DAZZLING FORM

F. D. Sykes, England three quarter, who played in all three England trials this season without getting a cap, was in dazzling form for Northampton, who beat a weakened Harlequins side. He scored three tries and made the other one for J. Taylor with a run of 50 yards.

Leicester accomplished one of the day's best performances when, without eight of their regular players engaged in their county in the championship game, they beat London Scottish.

Cardiff were hard pressed to beat Bristol by a three points margin, a different story to their 38 to 3 win three weeks ago.

In beating London Welsh at Herne Hill, Bedford accomplished what only two Welsh teams, Llanelli and Newport, had done previously this season.

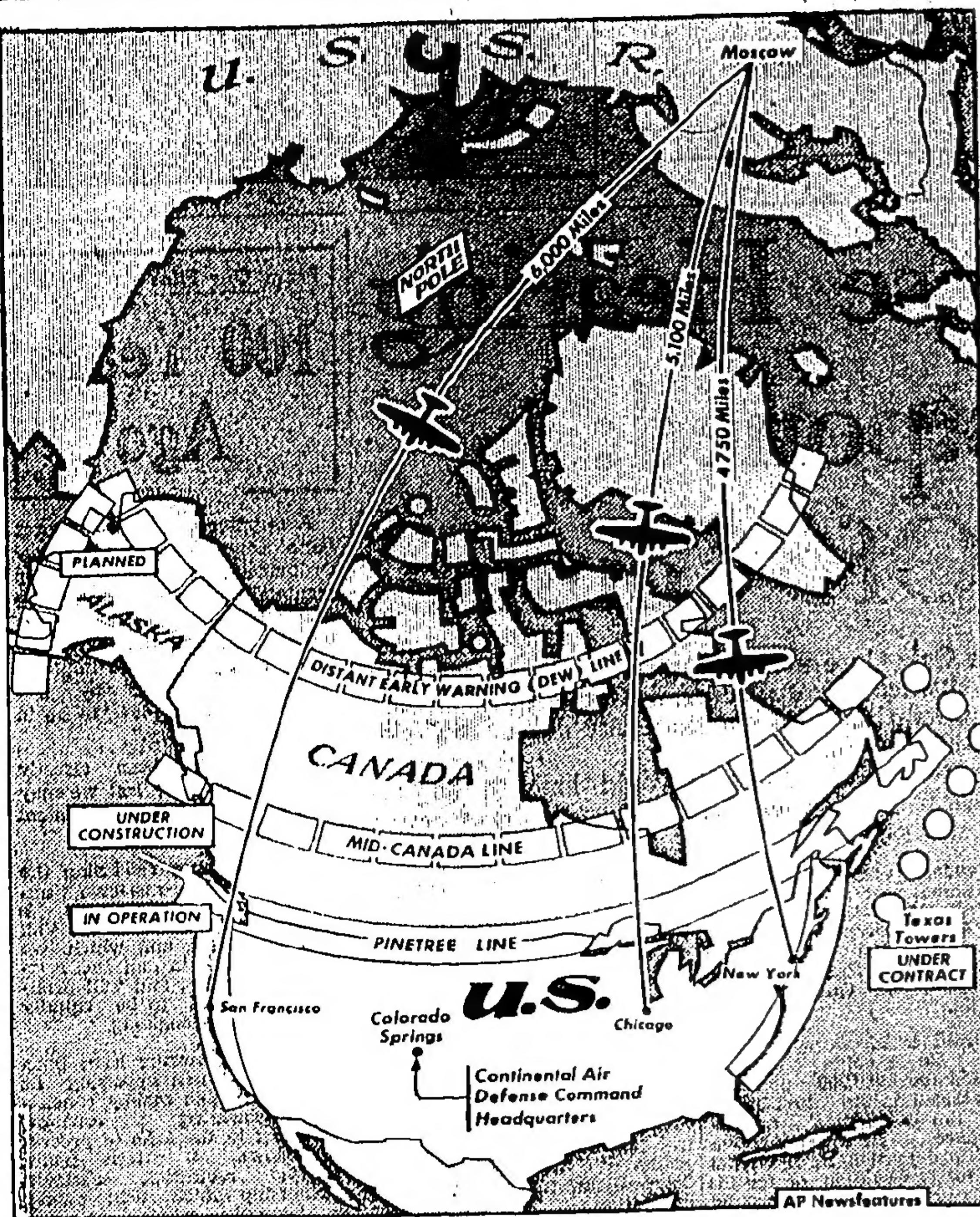
Two penalty goals played a notable part in Coventry's win against Guy's Hospital, who were well below full strength.

Blackheath continued their recent improvement when defeating co-leaders of the Rectory Field, London Irish.

A greasy ball and mud handicapped Cambridge at home to the heavier Army team, who won by a goal to a penalty goal, Cambridge having led at half-time.—Reuter.

THE RESULTS

	Total	Fall of wickets	—1	2-7	3-23
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Edinburgh, Feb. 5.	120	4-24; 5-32	—1	2-7	3-23
Scotland gained an upset victory over Wales by 14 points to eight here today to end a run of 17 successive International Rugby Union defeats.					
Trailing by a try to nothing at the interval, Scotland rallied splendidly to win by one goal, one dropped goal, and a try to one goal and a try to Wales.					
There were scenes of wild enthusiasm when the final whistle sounded. Thousands of excited Scottish supporters poured on to the Murrayfield pitch and swarmed round the players to congratulate them on a display which upset all predictions.					
Scotland had not won an International Rugby match since 1940 over Wales four years ago. And as on that occasion, it was a brilliant kicked dropped goal which put Scotland on the path to triumph.					
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Wales opened the scoring five minutes after the start with an unconvincing try by wing three-quarter T. J. Brewer.					
It was not until ten minutes after the interval that Scotland drew level in a dramatic fashion when a new "cap," A. R. Smith, scored a try after a great solo effort which started 10 yards inside his own half.					
Eight minutes later, to					



American Air Defence Plans Changing From Theory To Fact

By BEM PRICE
Associated Press Newsfeatures Writer

The safety of the United States from sudden attack depends on an invisible, electronic fence 12 miles high.

Upon the alertness of men in over 100 radar stations from Greenland to San Diego and Alaska to Florida rest the lives of millions of Americans.

As yet the fence has many holes, but slowly — too slowly, say some — the gaps are being mended. It will never be whole. It will never offer a firm guarantee that no enemy will sneak by undetected, but it will be the best scientists can devise in this day of supersonic speeds.

It has been more than six years since Congress first approved the plan to stretch a radar screen across the northern border of the United States to protect this country's industrial centres from possible bombing attack by planes sweeping across the polar wastes from Russia.

That first approval didn't mean much, for while Congress voted in favour of the project it did not set aside any money for construction.

The first Russian atomic bomb explosion in 1949 altered that oversight, and the Air Force received hasty authorisation to divert 50 million dollars from other programmes to get started on a warning system. The air defence picture has been getting brighter ever since, and has taken some giant strides in recent months.

As the accompanying map shows, there now is in operation a radar fence following the U.S.-Canadian border from the Atlantic to the Pacific and bolts extending southward down each coast.

A central Continental Air Defence Command has been set up at Colorado Springs, Colo., where information from the radar outposts arrives by teletype and is plotted on a huge plexiglass map of the continent 22 feet wide and 30 feet long.

Command Post

This command post is an all-service operation. Its chief, Air Force Gen. Benjamin Chidlaw, is directly responsible to the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff. The centre is manned 24 hours a day and conceivably goes about its task of checking the nature of every aircraft entering its tremendous area of jurisdiction. Any unidentified plane is promptly investigated by its leaders, resembling from fields where it "screamed" the nation. At Chidlaw's command are 1,300 jet interceptors in the over 600 radar posts.

Bolstering the interceptors are ground defences—several hundred radar-controlled anti-aircraft guns and a growing number of supersonic "Nike" missile stations which can search out and destroy high-flying enemy planes.

The United States thus now has at least the bare essentials of air defence—a protective ring of radar eyes around its borders and a command structure with the tools of protection at its disposal.

But the maximum range of a ground radar station is about 200 miles. Therefore the heavy industrial regions along the Great Lakes could expect a maximum warning time of 15 minutes from the "Pine Tree" radar chain if Soviet bombers came streaking down from the polar wastes.

Obviously this is not enough time to properly deploy interceptors. To remedy this, a second radar fence—the "mid-Canada" line—is now rising some 500 miles north of Chicago. When completed the "mid-Canada" line will give Gen. Chidlaw an hour and a half to prepare his defence strategy.

Third Line

To boost the crucial time of preparation still further, a go-ahead was given last year to a third line which will run along the edge of the Arctic Circle. Called the "DEW" line (for distant early warning), these radar stations, some of them automatic and unmanned—will give the United States a three-hour alert. Seven experimental stations on the "DEW" line now are in operation.

Radar, however, is not infallible. Low flying aeroplanes often escape detection and it is not improbable that a bomber could sneak over the North Pole, dodge the mountains and ice caps, and come in low over the Atlantic. Unless it happened to be spotted by a ship, it could be almost on top of a coast city like New York before it showed up on radar screens.

For this reason the United States is planning to extend its radar eyes out over the sea from Newfoundland to Norfolk with "Texas towers," man-made islands which can be anchored to the continental shelf. They're called "Texas towers" because of their similarity to the oil drilling platforms of the Gulf Coast. The contracts for these towers already have been let.

In areas such as those off the West Coast—where water depth is too great to support permanent towers, radar plots ships will be used. Early last month the Navy equipped the former destroyers *Essex* and *Intrepid*

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

PREMIERS ENCOURAGED But The Chancellor Warns Of Possible Inflation

From Ronald Boxall

London, Feb. 6. Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer gave the Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London last week a most encouraging report on the sterling area's economic progress. But the point has now been reached, he warned, where healthy expansion can easily be turned into inflation.

The chief danger in the present situation is that sterling countries might be tempted to spend beyond their means. The expansion of economic activity in the area generally has created demand for more raw materials, but also for bettering the workers' lot and for more consumer goods. To some extent this is, of course, inevitable and even desirable; but if imports are allowed to expand unchecked consequent inflation might set our recovery back several years.

N.Y. COTTON MARKET WEEKLY REVIEW

By William Plunkett

New York, Feb. 6. Cotton futures trading last week became more of a two-sided affair. Nearby deliveries settled back under liquidation, the new crop months stood on firmer ground as prospects brightened for a higher Government loan rate this year.

At Friday's close the list ruled off 12 to up 8 points, or 65 cents a bale lower to 40 cents a bale higher than the preceding week.

Fears of a serious flare-up in the Far East over the Formosa situation, and traders' belief that chances are lessening for any material increase in the acreage allotments this year, were additional background factors in the new crop months.

MARCH LIQUIDATION

March liquidation proceeded at an orderly pace, coincident with a steady rise in the certificates of deposit. First notice day for March will be Feb. 21. As the week ended the open position in March was estimated around 570,000 bales.

Cotton available for contract delivery rose to 65,788 bales, a new high, and an aggregate increase of almost 15,000 bales since the New Year. Spot interests were believed to be transferring hedge positions against sales of the new crop months.

THE SPOT MARKET

The spot March delivery on Monday sold up to 34.70 cents a pound, its highest level since last Dec. 30, whereupon hedge selling and liquidation increased.

Lagging tendency of the new-months was coupled with the slow rate of producer liquidation under the Government loan programme and the consequent lessening of prospects for a tight "free" supply situation before the next harvest is available.

The net stock of 1954 crop cotton in Government hands at last reports was 108,654 bales, plus 4,999,829 bales from 1953. —United Press.

W. GERMANY PREFERS NATURAL RUBBER

Singapore, Feb. 6. West Germany will buy more Malayan rubber because manufacturers there prefer it to the synthetic product, said Herr H. T. Ritscher, a representative of the largest German rubber manufacturers, Continental Gummi-Werke A.G.

Herr Ritscher, on an extensive tour of Eastern countries, said the reason German manufacturers prefer natural rubber was because the machinery required to turn out products made from natural rubber was considerably cheaper than those required for the manufacture of articles from synthetic rubber.

The German industrial expert said however that for such articles as hoses for use in connection with oil and petrol, synthetic was better than natural rubber.

Herr Ritscher said his company imported natural rubber from Malaya, Ceylon and Indonesia.

Last year, he added, West Germany imported 74,750 tons of rubber from Malaya and was the country's fourth best customer. He said his company manufactured 30,000 different articles made of rubber including motor car tyres, tubes and accessories.

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Quie Case Hearing Postponed: Illness Of Counsel.

From Our Files
100 Years Ago

A Supplement to the present issue contains the Neutrality Ordinances; the Ordinance for regulating process against the property of persons absent from the Colony; and the last three of the Nine Acts of the Imperial Parliament declared by Ordinance No. 3 of 1854 "to be in force in this colony."

The first has been already explained, and the last we may discuss at some convenient opportunity.

The Ordinance rendering the property of non-residents answerable for their debts, is copied from a law of Van Diemen's Land, and which, we believe, exists in all the Australian Colonies, and will probably be found to be equally beneficial in Hongkong.

It might however have been shunned without impairing its efficiency, which mainly consists in empowering a creditor, according to the form of process laid down, to attach lands, moneys, securities, chattels, partnership effects, debts owing, or other property whatsoever; and after giving notice and satisfaction, security to realize so much of the assets as will pay the debt, while, on the other hand, the debtor, or some person on his behalf, may, before final judgment, dissolve the attachment by offering sufficient security, and having the case tried in the ordinary way.

Mr Blair-Kerr said he did not see why Junior Counsel for the Defence should not welcome this chance to take over the case, "I am entirely in your Lordship's hands."

He added that Dr Desmond Curran, who was being cross-examined by Mr McNeill at the time of the adjournment last week, was leaving the Colony on Thursday and not on Wednesday as previously intimated.

PARTY REBELS EXPELLED

Paris, Feb. 6.
The French Socialist Party National Congress tonight approved expulsion from the party of 10 deputies who voted against ratification by the French National Assembly of the Paris Agreements rearming West Germany.

But it is said that if the expelled deputies signed within one month an undertaking on their honour to respect party discipline in future, they would be immediately reinstated in the party.—Reuters.

VERANDAHS

Besides the Ordinances in the Supplement to the present issue, we give below sundry Notifications that have recently appeared in the Government's Gazette. The first is a new order about the construction of Verandas, professedly "with a view to the prevention of the spread of fire," but except for such assurance, it would be difficult to perceive that such was the object of the Regulations.

The next Notification is an intimation that crews for vessels can be shipped solely at the Harbour-master's Office, and that the intervention of shipping agents is not necessary; all which the public has been told before, and in the meanwhile, it can be shipped otherwise than through the Harbour-master, because the head maker of the law chose to mention its infringement and notwithstanding the same abuse may be again permitted to favoured individuals whenever it is thought convenient to do so.

COOLIE TRAFFIC

The Third Notification is from the Superintendence, and refers to one of the 11th September warning British subjects against engaging in the Coolie traffic to the China guano islands. "Her Majesty's Government having been officially informed that measures have been taken to correct the abuses" connected with the traffic; that is, we presume, Government at home is very easily satisfied where British subjects in China can make money, whether by bribing the Chinese Government, or supplying the Pervians with guano diggers, so long as this is not called slave trade.

The Fourth Notification announces the confirmation of Mr Mercer's appointment as Colonial Secretary, and Mr Richardson's as Colonial Treasurer; and so long as the offices are maintained on their present footing, we do not expect to see them better filled.

The Fifth and last Notification is from the Colonial Government, which positively avers, what the Superintendence says it has been informed, that "measures have been taken for the better treatment and regulation of Chinese labourers at the China Islands," and therefore, the Proclamation of the 11th September, prohibiting the traffic by British subjects in British vessels, is withdrawn, and the power given to the Commissioner of Police on the Colonial Office.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Room Service

LONDON is rich in small hotels, some quite obscurely placed in the city's geography, some half-hidden upon major highways, which rarely trumpet their virtues and yet provide all kinds of excellencies in service to those who have discovered them.

At one such hotel, Donald worked. He worked backstairs, and in a modest enough capacity. But he caught the spirit of the place, which said in effect that the least whim of the humbled guest, who was sheltered under its roof, should be heeded as if it were a royal command.

RELUCTANT GUEST

WORKING in the hotel, Donald learned something of the meaning of the word "discrimination," though not all evidently, for, the other evening, he was arrested in the Strand for being drunk.

But arrested he was, and put into a cell at Bow Street police station, and there he had time to collect his thoughts. He had time to reflect that for once his role was that of guest, instead of host's employee. He decided to put to the test what he almost persuaded himself was a rival establishment to his quiet hotel. He rang the bell that was provided.

A SONG

BY that time there was a song in Donald's heart that demanded fuller expression. Donald gave voice. He became so lost in the rapture of his singing, that he did not notice when his cell door was opened by the gaoler.

"Well?" said the gaoler, "what do you want?"

"Cherry ripe, cherry ripe, ripe, ripe," Donald sang.

I said what did you want?" the gaoler said.

But Donald was too lost in song, still to notice. The gaoler left, locking the cell-door after him.

When Donald's song was ended, he noticed he was alone, that his bell-push summons seemed not to have been answered. Remembering how punctilious they were about such things in his hotel, anger surged over him. "I'll show them," he muttered to himself. "I'll show them the meaning of service."

STRONG MEASURES

HE picked up the mattress from the bunk, folded it and climbed on top of it. Then, taking off a shoe, he beat out the pane of glass above the cell-door. "That'll teach them not to answer bells," he muttered to himself. "That'll bring 'em."

IT DID.

Next morning at the court next door to the police station, Donald pleaded guilty to the charge of having been drunk, not guilty to that of doing 25s worth of malicious damage to the cell window.

The story was told to Mr E. G. Robey.

"It is quite possible," said the gaoler, "that when I called to answer this man's ringing he did not hear me go into the cell because he was singing so loudly."

CREDIT GRANTED

"JUST asked for a glass of water, didn't I?" Donald demanded.

"He didn't ask for anything," the gaoler said. "He just sang." Donald turned to the magistrate. "It was just I couldn't get any attention," he said. "I only wanted a glass of water."

He had no more to say.

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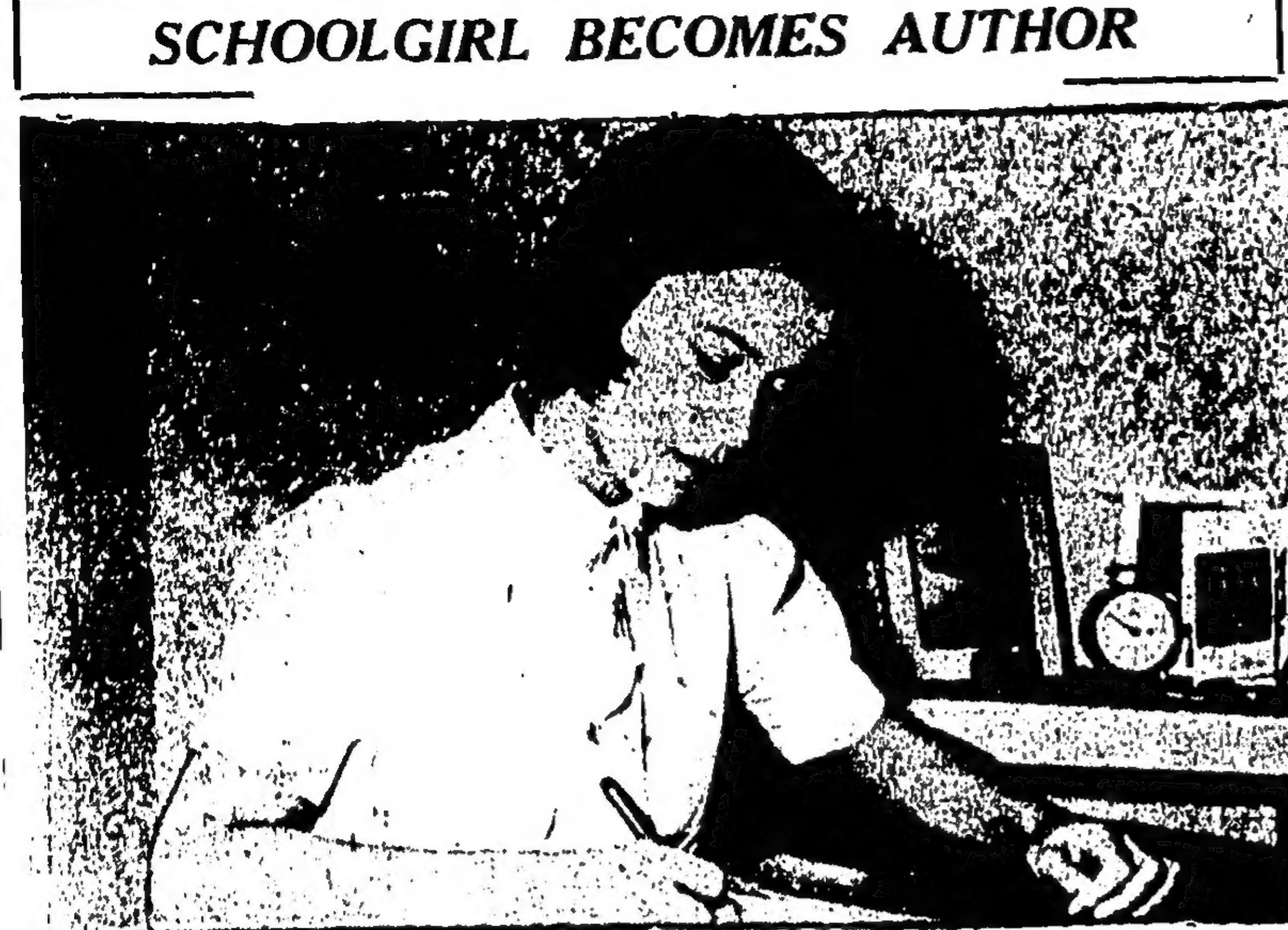
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SCHOOLGIRL BECOMES AUTHOR



Nightmare Sea Trip For Three

Miami, Feb. 6.
Two men and a pretty blonde today described a nightmare at sea which ended when the cruise ship Queen of Nassau saw their distress flares and rescued them from their sinking ship.

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered articles posted at G.P.O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be obtained by inquiry at the local office.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7
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Korea, 5 p.m.
India Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Australia, 6 p.m.
Thailand, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, France, 6 p.m.
By Surface

Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
by Air

Philippines, 9 a.m.
Formosa, 9 a.m.
Japan, Hawaii, 11 a.m.
Hongkong, Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Italy, Germany, Great Britain, 2 p.m.
Indonesia, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, 8 p.m.
By Surface

China, People's Republic, 8:30 a.m.
Thailand, 9 a.m.
N. Borneo, 9 a.m.

Fire Destroys Dormitory

Orangefield, S.C., Feb. 6.
A fire destroyed a women's dormitory at the Clinton College for Negroes early today, forcing 100 co-eds to flee into a freezing cold rainstorm in their nightclothes.

There were no casualties, but authorities said the girls lost all their belongings and the \$100,000 building was destroyed.

The fire was believed to have started in the dormitory attic at about 4:30 a.m. By the time firemen arrived, the top of the three-story brick building was in flames, but the girls had dashed downstairs and down stairs to escape into the rain.

An official of the little 89-year-old Methodist Negro college said several of the girls were hysterical.

"I never heard such screaming in all my life," said a fireman.—United Press.

Speaks With No Voice

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 6.
A businessman with no voice box made a 10-minute speech yesterday to show how therapy helped him overcome the effects of cancer of the throat.

George Stein of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, talked 10 minutes to some 400 fund campaign executives at the annual meeting of the American Cancer Society.

Mr Stein has no voice in the proper sense. He forces lungs full of air through what once was his voice box, and forms words with his mouth and tongue as the air comes out. He inhales through a hole in his neck.

Mr Stein, 52, said the person who had lost his voice wanted more than anything else to be able to talk. That was the force he said, that led him through tortuous exercises until he was at last able to make others understand him.—United Press.

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